

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 and 14-16 are canceled.

Support for Claim 1 is found at original Claim 1. Support for Claim 2 is found at original Claim 2. Support for Claim 3 is found at original Claim 3. Support for Claim 4 is found at original Claim 4. Support for Claim 5 is found at original Claim 5. Support for Claims 6 and 13 is found at original Claims 6 and 7. Support for Claim 8 is found at original Claim 8. Support for Claim 9 is found at original Claim 9. Support for Claim 10 is found at original Claim 10. Support for Claim 11 is found at original Claim 11.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-6 and 8-13 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

An action on the merits and allowance of the Claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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